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SUBJECT: HONECKER INTERVIEW WITH AP

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, JUNE 4, SPLASHED INTERVIEW OF SED PARTY CHIEF HONECKER BY WEST BERLIN-BASED AP CORRESPONDENT HUBERT J. ERB PROMINENTLY ACROSS FRONT PAGE. COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTED HONECKER'S COMMENTS: (A) CALLING FOR GENERAL "WARMING" OF INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE THROUGH MORE EAST-WEST DETENTE; (B) STATING THERE NO CALL FOR FURTHER "HESITATION" IN ESTABLISHING US-GDR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS; (C) PLEDGING GDR TO DO ITS PART TO FULFILL PROVISIONS OF FRG-GDR AGREEMENTS; AND (D) EXPRESSING HOPE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO MOSCOW WILL ADD TO CHANCES FOR RAPID CONCLUSION PHASE II OF CSCE AND CONVENING OF SUMMIT IN JULY.

2. WHILE HONECKER'S REMARKS ON INNER-GERMAN DIALOGUE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CSCE BASICALLY RECITATION OF KNOWN GDR POSITIONS, HIS

COMMENTS ON US-GDR RELATIONS REPRESENT FIRST EAST GERMAN
PUBLIC STATEMENT ON ISSUE TO DATE. IN THAT REGARD, HONECKER
SAID THAT NORMALIZATION OF US-GDR RELATIONS WOULD HAVE "POSITIVE
INFLUENCE" ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, AND THAT GDR WAS INTERESTED
IN BROAD EXCHANGES WITH U.S. IN FIELDS OF TRADE, SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE, SPORTS AND TOURISM. ADDRESSING MORE
SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, HONECKER SAID THAT US-GDR TRADE WO

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